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FOR NEA/ARP CHARLES CURRIER FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJ: HOME LEAVE PLANS AND BLUMENTHAL VISIT

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1. IN ANTICIPATION THAT WE WOULD HAVE VISIT OF TREASURY SECRETARY IN TIME FRAME MENTIONED, I HAD ALREADY MADE PLANS TO BE BACK IN ABU DHABI TEN DAYS BEFORE VISIT. I HAVE RESERVATIONS TO LEAVE HERE ON SEPTEMBER 15 TAKING THE PAA BAHRAIN-NEW YORK FLIGHT TO GIVE ME OVERLAP WITH DCM WRAMPPELMEIER DUE IN HERE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12. I ALSO HAVE RESERVATIONS RETURN TO ABU DHABI NOVEMBER 7 TAKING PAA DIRECT FLIGHT TO BAHRAIN. ASSUME THESE DATES AGREEABLE TO DEPARTMENT.

2. RE YOUR MEETING WITH TREASURY, BELIEVE PROPOSED TIMING OF VISIT QUITE SATISFACTORY. EXPECT TO HAVE CONFIRMATION SHORTLY. OBVIOUSLY, UAE OFFICIALS WILL ASK THAT SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL REMAIN LONGER, AT LEAST FOR LUNCH ON NOVEMBER 20 BUT IF NOON DEPARTURE IS FIRM, WE WILL HAVE TO TELL THEM VISIT CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL SHOULD MEET WITH SHAIKH ZAYID, FOREIGN MINISTER SUWAIDI, OIL MINISTER UTAYBA, FINANCE MINISTER
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SHAIKH AHMDAN (WHO WILL PROBABLY COME TO ABU DHABI TO BE HIS OFFICIAL HOST), ARAB MONETARY FUND DIRECTOR JAWAD HASHIM, DIRECTOR OF ABU DHABI FINANCE DEPARTMENT MUHAMMAD HABRUSH, DIRECTOR ABU DHABI FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NASSER NUWAIS AND UAE CURRENCY BOARD MANAGING DIRECTOR ABD AL MALIK AL HAMR. DEPENDING ON TIMING AND ARRANGEMENTS, WE WILL SEEK TO HAVE SOME OF THESE OFFICIALS AT SAME MEETING. IN ADDITION, IF

SCHEDULE PERMITS ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN SHOULD MEET WITH CHAIRMAN OF ABU DHABI INVESTMENT COMPANY AND DIRECTOR OF SHAIKH ZAYID'S PRIVATE FUND ABDALLAH DARWISH, ABU DHABI INVESTMENT AUTHORITY SECRETARY GHANIM MAZRUI, ADIA BOND AND EQUITY DIRECTOR HARIB AL DARMAKI AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NATIONAL BANK OF ABU DHABI ABDALLAH MAZRUI. THESE OFFICIALS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR PROTOCOL REASONS FOR SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL PAY BRIEF COURTESY CALL ON ABU DHABI CROWN PRINCE SHAIKH KHALIFA BIN ZAYID, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF ADIA. WE LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT WHICH BELIEVE WILL BE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE.
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